Building Grants and Private School Buildings.

26. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): What is the largest amount of building grant given to managers of private English High Schools within the last six years (1095-1100) and what is the maximum accommodation for pupils provided in those schools that have received the largest building grant?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Rs. 6,440. This school can accommodate 570 pupils.

Help to Women Sweepers and Scavengers in the Employ of Municipal Councils during Pregnancy and Confinement.

27. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): How many municipal councils have made arrangements for rendering help to women sweepers and scavengers in the form of leave allowances or special grants during pregnancy and confinement?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): None.

Employment of qualified Midwives by Municipalities.

28. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): How many municipal councils have employed qualified midwives for attendance on poor women in labour in their houses?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Three *viz.*, Nagercoil, Quilon and Kottayam. The Alleppey Municipality gives a grant of Rs. 500 to the Maternity and Child Welfare Association which employs two qualified midwives for the purpose in the town.

Nurses and the Rule against Marriage.

29. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): (*a*) With reference to the answer to question No. 11, furnished by the Government at the meeting of the Council held on the 2nd November 1925, stating that the services of nurses have been dispensed with for violating the rule against marriage, will the Government be pleased to state if they have laid down rules declaring that women in the public service shall not marry?

(*b*) What is the number of nurses removed from the service for having got married?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Government have not laid down rules declaring that women in the public service shall not marry; but in the notice inviting candidates for the nursing class, one of the conditions laid down was that matrimony during the training period and during the five years they are bound to serve after final examination will terminate their service.

(*b*) Five.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Are there any other classes of female public servants in respect of whom such restrictions against matrimony, even during fixed periods of service, are imposed?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not aware.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): What are the special reasons for imposing that restriction upon this class of public servants?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Cheif Secretary to Government*): The Administrative Board, Medical Services, has reported that, for the work of nursing, it is very desirable that the nurses should not have entered into matrimony.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Has the Government accepted the principle?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. That is only so far as the work of nursing is concerned.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): What is the special reason for such hostility towards matrimony so far as nurses alone are concerned?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have said that the Administrative Board, Medical Services, has recommended it and that the Government have accepted the recommendation.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Are the Government aware that to keep girls unmarried is generally believed to be socially improper?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I rise to a point of order, Sir, whether that arises as a supplementary question.

PRESIDENT: It is out of order because it asks for an expression of opinion.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): My question was: are not the Government aware that to keep girls unmarried in the houses is generally considered to be socially improper?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I accept the information furnished by the member.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Are the Government aware that not even two out of a hundred women between twenty and thirty years of age amongst Hindus remain unmarried?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Census Report has to be refered to.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): I have referred to it.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): But I have not referred to it.

House Searches.

30. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): How many house searches were conducted by the Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors of the Excise Department without warrants from Magistrates during the year 1100?

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